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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JULY, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.3.1959 -

Males - 366,345 Females - 348,224 Persons - 714,569

Metropolitan at 31.12.1958 -

Persons - 387,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JUNE				Six Months ended JUNE			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	342	5.80	335	5.78	2,805	7.84	2,666	7.59
Births	1,460	24.77	1,314	22.69	8,505	23.76	8,458	24.07
Deaths	464	7.87	453	7.82	2,676	7.48	2,601	7.40
Infant Mortality (b)	23	15.75	31	23.59	152	17.87	172	20.34

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	JUNE		Six Months ended JUNE	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	2	1	12	11
Malignant neoplasms	71	66	457	431
Diabetes mellitus	5	6	24	18
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	-	10	6
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	51	66	318	329
Diseases of the heart	161	146	811	805
Hypertension with heart disease	13	14	58	72
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	2	6	19	26
Arteriosclerosis	8	10	61	61
Influenza	14	-	69	2
Pneumonia	16	11	111	86
Bronchitis	5	6	38	29
Other respiratory diseases	6	2	25	27
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	4	19	19
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	1	15	21
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	4	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	5	8	16
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	5	30	27
Disease of the prostate	6	5	24	30
Maternal causes	-	-	4	6
Diseases of early infancy	10	19	89	104
Motor vehicle accidents	20	12	92	92
Other accidents	11	14	97	86
Suicide	3	6	39	50
All other causes	43	48	242	241
Total:	464	453	2,676	2,601

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July, 1959, totalled 592,884 acres, an increase of 37,386 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 10,236,598 acres, an increase of 6,817,297 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,210,147	4,105,524	60,068,237	57,053,977
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 17. 2	5. 16. 4	84. 6. 11	81. 13. 6
Expenditure	5,491,467	4,917,764	61,752,970	58,177,307
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 2. 10	6. 19. 4	86. 14. 3	83. 5. 8

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of July, 1959, amounted to £72,301,689 or £100-11-2 per head of population as against £66,414,148 or £93-19-10 per head at the end of July, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 29th July, 1959, amounted to £16,812,871 compared with £14,523,967 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,968	1,851	19,161	19,915
	£.	3,345,457	3,151,383	32,648,582	34,565,194
Mortgages	No.	1,399	1,500	14,942	15,411
	£.	2,802,797	2,947,007	29,456,882	29,408,045
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,175	1,093	11,200	11,695

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
July, 1959	3,532,908	3,016,936	11,472,761	555,481
July, 1958	3,933,409	3,071,635	10,891,429	612,307
Twelve Months ended June, 1959	47,576,656	38,493,145	124,369,582	7,175,896
Twelve Months ended June, 1958	46,404,538	34,809,803	131,057,637	6,869,254

COMPANIES REGISTERED

41 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,564,000 and 5 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 27 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,830,000 and 8 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Month of JULY					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	10	10,274	1,424	15	23,740	6,341
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	16,208	37,415	7	34,313	43,994
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows :-

Item		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,235,503	1,073,976	13,699,803	12,975,176
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,423,376	1,356,597	14,932,503	14,842,662
Train Miles Run	No.	668,550	593,277	7,707,407	7,326,966
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 238,747	(b) 232,246	1,291,157	1,371,695
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,148,316	971,782	14,615,544	14,106,277
Motor Bus	No.	17,383	17,338	261,874	277,943
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		355,581	294,585	3,764,648	3,455,268
Livestock		9,338	9,435	148,519	133,646
Departmental (Free Freight)		70,224	65,293	738,729	673,131
Total:		435,143	369,313	4,651,896	4,262,045
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		59,326,887	49,001,685	612,871,158	554,317,761
Livestock		1,339,371	1,265,167	19,412,470	17,857,965
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,109,136	5,421,030	67,135,687	63,570,556
Total:		66,775,394	55,687,882	699,419,315	635,746,282

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Nine weeks ended 30th June.

* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	2,782	4,041	45,010	45,888	6,202	5,232	92,040	95,193
Interstate	11,302	9,083	101,215	97,551	3,134	3,537	34,692	40,284
Total:	14,084	13,124	146,225	143,439	9,336	8,769	126,732	135,477

BUILDING ACTIVITY
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity Fine oz.	78,974	81,106	474,802	472,036
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	1,233,970	1,267,286	7,418,181	7,375,545
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	952,500	911,094

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE		Twelve Months		JUNE		Twelve Months	
	Quarter		ended JUNE		Quarter		ended JUNE	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2984	3078	2987	3010	2747	2803	2728	2772
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3191	3304	3178	3252	2647	2698	2630	2678
Northam	3086	3131	3106	3104	2708	2728	2701	2717
Bunbury	3159	3085	3152	3070	2806	2825	2779	2800
Geraldton	3222	3329	3228	3268	2953	3051	2937	2995
Collie	3208	3210	3187	3175	2538	2549	2521	2536

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	June	138.6	45.6	184.2
July	137.9	44.7	182.6	July	138.1	45.6	183.7
August	137.8	45.0	182.8	August	138.3	45.9	184.2
September	138.3	45.2	183.5	September	138.8	46.2	185.0
October	138.7	45.2	183.9	October	139.2	46.2	185.4
November	139.1	45.7	184.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
				June	139.5	46.8	186.3

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	227
June	230	239	235	231	228	225
July	230	238	231	229	225	
August	230	239	230	229	225	
September	232	241	233	232	225	
October	233	241	233	232	226	
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/59	13.	18.	7	9.	1.	1	13.	17.	5
							9.	0.	4
							13.	13.	6
							8.	17.	9

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
June, 1959	21,144	999	64,940	31,464	9,581
June, 1958	19,922	628	57,562	27,613	14,047
12 Months ended June, 1959	176,044	14,649	1,104,423	744,308	170,733
12 Months ended June, 1958	145,624	6,628	698,642	628,831	198,645

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	*625	198	270	647	*895	2	8	247	346
May	*579	*748	*199	*309	*778	*1,057	5	15	*254	*397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
Six Months ended June	2,975	4,024	1,210	1,721	4,185	5,745	42	86	1,514	2,230

* Revised.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958						1959						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
SHEEP	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Suckers	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5
Lambs													
In Wool	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9
Shorn	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4
Hoggets													
In Wool	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3
Shorn	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11
Wethers													
In Wool	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1
Shorn	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11
Heifers	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2
Cows	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0
Steers	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8
Bullocks	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-
PIGS													
Slips	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5
Porkers	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0
Baconers	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods and Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excl. Motor Vehicles etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
YEAR											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,523	8,326	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,522	82,592	18,824	12,452	15,488
1958	26,214	18,131	11,230	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,257	24,484	16,191	19,052
MONTH:													
1957 - November	2,212	1,548	952	249	212	138	5,648	444	358	8,109	2,204	1,448	16,900
December	2,447	1,557	985	139	121	83	6,893	539	435	9,479	2,217	1,503	17,470
1958 - January	2,280	1,598	996	124	91	62	5,437	453	366	7,841	2,142	1,424	17,838
February	2,099	1,615	1,005	164	136	93	4,661	389	310	6,924	2,140	1,408	17,841
March	2,277	1,571	971	206	181	123	4,501	382	305	6,984	2,134	1,399	18,155
April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April													(g)20,680
May													(g)20,780

(Particulars not yet available)

- (a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.
 (b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.
 (g) Preliminary estimate; subject to revision.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958						1959						
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	13. 3	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0
Oranges - Navel	bush.	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8
- Val.	bush.	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2
- Other	bush.	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate \neq	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4
Cauliflowers	dozen	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8
Lettuce	crate	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10
Table Celery	doz.head	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6
Beetroot	cwt.	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10
Carrots	cwt.	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10
Swedes	cwt.	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3
Peas	lb.	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	6
Pumpkin	bag	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28.11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(d)	(d)
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area
 (b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

\neq 50 lb. crate.

(c) Not available.
 (d) Onion Pool closed 11th May.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	536	715	5,509	5,983
Bricks - Cement	'000	80	135	1,293	1,884
- Clay	"	7,742	8,456	92,671	101,281
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	111	108	1,333	1,479
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,778	1,561	23,095	25,626
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	23,338	25,288	295,769	306,241
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	543	452	5,772	6,839
Timber, - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	20,028	18,441	213,350	184,985
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,366	1,056	10,920	11,010
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	855	592	12,894	11,160
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	3,622	3,941	54,290	52,890
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	65	67	642	1,015
2 piece	"	1,232	1,176	15,495	16,791
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,200	4,813	58,729	58,313
- Work	"	15,034	15,066	160,204	156,202
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	144	143	4,030	(b)
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	552	580	6,606	6,604
Butter	"	1,232	1,033	13,950	15,111
Cheese	"	232	150	2,593	2,364
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	87,131	78,977	905,525	855,295
Electricity	'000 k.W.h.	73,795	68,998	867,130	825,931
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,768	2,294	33,613	29,370
- Woven Wire	"	955	917	26,669	28,572
- Soft Filled	"	2,314	2,244	33,766	37,957
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	32	22	359	156
Truck Trays	"	45	36	491	475
Sulphuric Acid	ton	8,084	8,510	190,374	208,192
Superphosphate	ton	31,125	25,685	529,796	578,781
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,833	2,116	28,194	25,793

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) Not available.